AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Previously Presented) A core for roofing and sealing membranes, comprising a reinforcement-free, bonded non-woven of polyester filaments which is bound by a binder and which has a latent shrinkage force of 2 N/5 cm to 20 N/5 cm.

2. (Previously Presented) The core according to claim 1, characterised in that the non-woven is bonded mechanically by means of needles.

3. (Previously Presented) The core according to claim 1, characterised in that the non-woven is bonded hydrodynamically.

4. (Previously Presented) The core according to claim 1, characterised in that the nonwoven is bonded thermally.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The core according to claim 1, characterised in that the shrinkage force is 6 N/5 cm to 10 N/5 cm.

7. (Previously Presented) The core according to claim 1, characterised in that the non-woven is a non-woven of polyethylene terephthalate filaments.

8. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a reinforcement-free non-woven core of polyester filaments which is suitable as a core for roofing and sealing membranes,

characterised in that a non-woven of polyester filaments is produced by the spun-bond process, the non-woven obtained in this way is bonded, is provided with a binder, is dried in a dryer and is stretched on a stretching unit positioned downstream of a dryer at a temperature above the crystallization temperature of the polyester to an extent such that the non-woven has a shrinkage force in a range from 2 N/5 cm to 20 N/5 cm.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 8, characterised in that shrinkage force is in a range from 6 N/5 cm to 10 N/5 cm.

11. (Currently Amended) Method according to ~~claim 9~~ claim 8, characterised in that the non-woven of polyester filaments is a non-woven of polyethylene terephthalate.

12. (Previously Presented) Method according to claim 8, characterised in that for bonding the non-woven is needle-punched and passed through a calender.

13. (Previously Presented) A composite material comprising a core for roofing and sealing membranes, wherein the core comprises a reinforcement-free, bonded non-woven of polyester filaments which is bound by a binder and which has a latent shrinkage force of 2 N/5 cm to 20 N/5 cm.

14. (Previously Presented) A roofing or sealing membrane[[s]] comprising a core for roofing and sealing membranes. wherein the core comprises a reinforcement-free. bonded non-woven of polyester filaments which is bound by a binder and which has a latent shrinkage force of 2 N/5 cm to 20 N/5 cm.

15. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the temperature at which stretching occurs is an the range of from 130-140°C.